



U.S. Department of Justice
United States Attorney
District of Kansas

NEWS RELEASE

Eric Melgren, U.S. Attorney

Contact: Kena Rice

(316) 269-6481

Headquarters

1200 Epic Center
301 N. Main
Wichita, Kansas 67202
(316)269-6481
FAX (316)269-6484

Topeka Office

444 Quincy
Topeka, Kansas 66683

Kansas City Office

500 State Avenue
Suite 360
Kansas City, Kansas
66101

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 3, 2003

WICHITA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON FOR BANK ROBBERY

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Quincy Darnell Blue**, 30, Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Wesley E. Brown to **thirty years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren stated that Blue was found guilty on August 6, 2003, following a two day jury trial of one count of bank robbery and one count of carrying a gun during a bank robbery.

Melgren said that according to trial testimony, on March 31, 2003, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Blue entered the Home Bank and Trust, 10421 W. Central, Wichita, Kansas, wearing a dark mask and carrying a handgun. Blue placed a plastic bag on the teller counter and demanded money. The teller complied with the demand. Blue took the money, left the bank, and was driven away in a blue Buick Regal. A witness saw two men get out of the Buick Regal and into a Cadillac. The Cadillac was stopped by Wichita Police Department officers and Blue, along with James Monroe Morris, the driver of the car, were arrested.

Co-defendant **James Monroe Morris**, 54, Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced on October 20, 2003, to **seven years and eight months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.** Melgren said that Morris entered a guilty plea on July 21, 2003, to one count of bank robbery of the Home Bank and Trust, 10421 W. Central, Wichita, Kansas, on March 31, 2003. Morris admitted at his plea that he was the driver of the get-away car.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Wichita Police Department and the FBI in this investigation.